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SUBJECT: CAMBODIANS RESPOND TO FRENCH TERMINATION
 OF DC MISSION

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1. AFP REPORTS ON 29 JULY THAT THE DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIAN MISSION IN FRANCE RELEASED A STATEMENT DEPLORING THE GOF DECISION TO PUT AN END TO THE DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIAN MISSION ACTIVITIES AS OF JULY 12 (REFTEL, PARA 4). THE STATEMENT CALLED IT AN UNFRIENDLY ACT BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES TOWARD DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA AND ITS PEOPLE. THE STATEMENT RENEWS THANKS TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND THE DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN CAMBODIA SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT. IN RESPONSE THE QUAI TOLD AFP: "THE MISSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA HAD SUCCEEDED TO THE MISSION OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONALIST UNION OF CAMBODIA (GRUNK), WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN PARIS DURING THE WAR. AN OFFICIAL CHARACTER HAD BEEN GRANTED TO IT BUT GRUNK, HAVING CEASED TO EXIST, IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THE MISSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA SHOULD COME TO AN END AND THAT THERE WAS NO LONGER GROUNDS FOR CONTINUING TO ACCORD DIPLOMATIC

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PREFERENCE TO ITS MEMBERS. NONETHELESS THEY COULD CON-

TINUE TO RESIDE FREELY IN FRANCE, BUT IN A PRIVATE
CAPACITY." THE QUAI NOTED THAT IN ANY CASE FRANCE DID
NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA.

2. COMMENT: THE DC MISSION APPARENTLY RECEIVED IN-
STRUCTIONS FROM PHNOM PENH AS TO THE MANNER OF
RESPONDING TO THE FRENCH ACTION. THE PERSONNEL OF THE
MISSION WILL PROBABLY BE RECALLED BY PHNOM PENH, BUT
SOME MAY CHOOSE TO REMAIN. WE SHALL TRY TO KEEP TRACK
OF THEIR MOVEMENTS.
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